

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A method for picking up a freshly extruded tacky plastic product lying on a conveyor belt comprising:

setting down on longitudinal margins of the conveyor belt one or more resilient carrier plates, wherein the carrier plates settle resiliently on a surface of the conveyor belt as the carrier plates press against the conveyor belt, and

picking up the freshly extruded tacky plastic product by the one or more carrier plates by slipping the carrier plate or plates between the plastic product and the surface of the belt and peeling the plastic product off the surface of the conveyor belt.

2. - 9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising treating bearing surfaces of the carrier plates and/or of the conveyor belt repeatedly with talc.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising treating bearing surfaces of the carrier plates and/or of the conveyor belt with talc cyclically or after x-cycles.

13. - 14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of cleaning the carrier plates in which plastic residues are stripped away in a cleaning device.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of cleaning the carrier plates in which the carrier plates are cleaned cyclically or after a number of cycles.

17. (Canceled)